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## The Zeitz-Weissenfels Mining District

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The present production of the pits and fields of this district is second only to that of the Geiseltal area near Merseburg. Actually, a comparison between the production of the Bitterfeld area and that of Zeitz-Weissenfels reveals that they are equally important.

2. Prior to the end of the war, the mining enterprises in the Zeitz-Weissenfels territory included the A. Riebeck Montanwerke and the Anhaltische Kohlenwerke. At present the works and mines of these two companies are split up and recombined into the following groups:

- a. Kombinat Profen, a Soviet AG, which comprises: the Profen open-cut mine, briquette factory, and carbonizing plant; the Hedwig briquette factory, the Wühlitz briquette factory, and the Köpsen mineral oil and candle factory.
- b. Kombinat Deuben, a Soviet AG, which comprises the Pirkau open-cut mine, the Karl Busch open-cut mine, the Deuben briquette factory and carbonizing plant, the Voss briquette factory and carbonizing plant, the Marie briquette factory, the Deuben power station, the Webau and Gerstewitz mineral oil and candle factories.

- c. State-owned enterprises include the Emma mine, the Groitzsch carbonizing plant, the Paul underground mine, the Theissen briquette factory and power station, the Elle and Zeitz briquette factories, the Leonhardt open-cut mine, and the Leonhardt briquette factories numbers one, two, and three.

3. Formerly, the daily output of this district approached 50,000 tons. Currently the daily yield amounts to approximately 14,000 tons of rough soft coal, approximately 13,000 tons of briquettes, and about 400 tons of tar and light oil which are further processed at three mineral oil and candle factories at Webau, Gerstewitz, and Köpsen. Three specific factors have contributed to the postwar production decrease: the dismantling of the Einheit mine, largest of the pits in the area; the dearth of

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easily accessible (freigelegter) coal seams in several of the open-cut mines; and lack of multi-bucket excavator endless chains, normally supplied from western Germany. (Although the Einheit mine has been dismantled, it is supposed to resume mining operations, probably with small machines collected from other mines.)

In each of the two Kombinate, Deuben and Profen, there are ten or more Russian officials, depending on the size of the enterprise. The Russians work as directors, engineers, accountants, buyers, or planning engineers. At Deuben the Russian directors are Leshchenko (replacing Radionov, director at the time the combine was founded), Oberingenieur Ceplaev, and commercial director Tulin. At Kombinat Profen the director general is a certain Tutyunik. The greater part of the duties performed by the Russians have directly to do with production planning and supervision of plan fulfillment. The actual management of the individual plants remains German.

The coal mined in the Zeitz-Weissenfels area does not come in large enough pieces for regular furnace use and little is, therefore, sold for that purpose. Almost all the rough coal is pressed into briquettes, which are of exceptionally fine quality, with good burning characteristics and a high gas content. From Kombinat Deuben, 600 tons of coke go daily to the Leuna factory for gas production. Formerly the porcelain and glass industries of Thuringia and north Bavaria used the briquettes in their generator plants, but now a large part of briquette production goes into carbonizing plants. The tar content of the rough coal is between seven and nine per cent, of the briquette between eleven and fourteen per cent. The Reichsbahn receives a large share of the briquettes which do not go into carbonizing plants.

Because of the uncertainty of soft coal mining and the resultant irregularity of supplies, the Mauenburg briquette factories numbers one and two have been transferred to Lauchhammer in Mark Brandenburg. Other briquette factories in the Zeitz area often depend on supplementary rail shipments of lignite from the Geiseltal district.

The working complement of the Zeitz-Weissenfels mining concerns comprises 14,000 men. Of these, an estimated 1,500 are not natives of the region and have been quartered in barracks.

The following mines and plants have undergone dismantlings, the extent of which is specified where known:

- a. Einheit mine at Jaucha, Kreis Weissenfels: Dismantlings began on 1 May 1946, cutting down by ninety-five per cent the former daily output of 12,000 tons. Working of the mine was ordered resumed by SMA Halle, but full resumption of mining operations is impossible, since very large excavation equipment is required. The present daily yield is 800 tons.
- b. Deuben ring-press installations, two ring presses (Ringpressen): This equipment was completely dismantled.
- c. Deuben power station: Two boilers and a turbine were dismantled.
- d. Paul briquette factory at Luckenau, Kreis Weissenfels: The plant, which was completely dismantled, had an output of 1,000 tons.
- e. Profen ring press: Two presses were completely dismantled.
- f. Gustav Pistor open-cut mine at Bitterfeld: Dismantling of equipment reduced the daily output from 20,000 to 6,000 tons, the present figure.
- g. Golpa mine at Zschornowitz: Dismantling is still in progress.
- h. Wegelin and Hübner machine factories in Halle.
- i. Weise & Söhne pump factory in Halle: Practically the whole factory has been dismantled.
- j. Näther, Zeitz, manufacturer of baby carriages and small furniture: The firm has been almost completely dismantled.
- k. Bergwitz mine bei Wittberg: Dismantled.

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- a. Georg mine near Königsau (bei Ascherleben), employing 500 workers.
- b. Pistor mine near Bitterfeld.
- c. Leopold mine near Bitterfeld.
- d. Leopold mine near Edderitz.
- e. Luise mine near Bitterfeld.
- f. Etzdorf open-cut mine. (This and the following five mines are located near Oberröblingen am See, south of Sangerhausen.)
- g. Walterschöpfung mine.
- h. Kupferhammer mine.
- i. Gredner briquette factory.
- j. Amsdorf mine.
- k. Montanwerksfabrik Wanzleben.
- l. Von der Haydt mine near Halle.
- m. Lockau mine.
- n. Briquette factory von der Haydt near Halle.
- o. Hermine Henriette, near Halle.
- p. Leonhardt mine and three briquette factories.
- q. Michel mine in Geiseltal.
- r. Einheit mine near Jaucha.
- s. Paul mine near Luckenau.
- t. Emma mine near Luckenau.
- u. Theissen briquette factories, Ellen and Zeitz, plus the Theissen power station.
- v. Gute Hoffnung and Beuna Kohlenwerke Halle in Geiseltal.

**10. The following are Soviet AGs:**

- a. Kombinat Concordia near Nachterstedt, employing about 3,000 workers, is considered to own the best works in the Province of Saxony-Anhalt.
- b. Kombinat Pfännerhall in Geiseltal, employing about 1,000 workers.
- c. Kombinat Deuben in Deuben, employing about 4,500 workers.
- d. Kombinat Profen in Zeitz, employing about 3,000 workers.
- e. Kombinat Böhlen in Böhlen, employing 2,000 miners.
- f. Kombinat Espenhain, employing 3,000 miners.
- g. Kombinat Friedländer with mines in the Niederlausitz area, employing approximately 3,000.

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